

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that, following contact between the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent, the authentication element produces a visible color change locally.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that placement of the authentication element in contact with the counterpart authentication element produces no visible change on the device.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 20, wherein the authentication element includes a third chemical reagent capable of breaking capsules enclosing the first chemical reagent.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein the first chemical reagent is at least partially imprinted on a portion of an external surface of the container.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein the first chemical reagent is integral with a material forming all or part of the container incorporating said authentication element.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said authentication element is such as to reversibly adhere to the counterpart authentication element via an adhesive substance.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a secondary outer package indirectly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a primary package directly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that, as said second chemical reagent reacts, the second chemical reagent leads to the formation of an additional analyzable code.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that a combination formed by the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent is a unique chemical combination.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that said detectable change is of a visual nature.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A kit ~~separately~~ comprising:

i) a packaging device comprising,

a cosmetic product;

at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed, said container being configured to fit inside said packaging device;

at least one authentication element on an outer surface of said packaging device or of ~~incorporated in~~ said container, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent having a composition such that, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart authentication element, said first chemical reagent produces a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element; and

ii) a strip supporting said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which has a composition such that, when placed in contact with said first chemical reagent on said authentication element of the device, said second chemical reagent is modified in a detectable manner, and wherein the composition of the second chemical reagent is such that the second chemical reagent is chromogenic following contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said composition of said second chemical reagent is such that said second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An authentication process for a packaging device for a cosmetic product, the process comprising the following steps:

providing a packaging device including a cosmetic product, at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed, and at least one authentication element on an outer surface of said packaging device or of incorporated in said container, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent having a composition such that, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart authentication element, said first chemical reagent produces a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element;

placing said authentication element of said packaging device in contact with a strip supporting said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which, when in contact with the first chemical reagent present on the authentication element on the device, is modified in a detectable manner; and

detecting any change in the second chemical reagent present on the counterpart authentication element, the absence of change in the second chemical reagent indicating that the device is not authentic.

Claim 33 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated, the counterpart authentication element being applied against the

authentication element under conditions capable of causing the capsules containing the first chemical reagent to break.

Claim 34 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the counterpart authentication element is discarded when a change is detected.

Claim 35 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 17 ~~30~~, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises a color developer.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 36, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): A ~~device~~ kit according to Claim 36, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid selected from the group consisting of maleic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, tricarballic, diglycolic, lactic, malic, tartaric and citric acids.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises a color developer; and said second chemical reagent is a colorant former.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): A kit according to Claim 39, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid selected from the group consisting of maleic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, tricarballic, diglycolic, lactic, malic, tartaric and citric acids; and wherein said second chemical reagent is selected from the group consisting of a bisindolylphthalide compound, a aminofluorane compound, a phthalide compound, and a diaminofluorane compound.

Claim 41 (New): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said at least one authentication element is a first authentication element placed on the outer surface of said packaging device, wherein said container includes a second authentication element, wherein said strip is a first strip, said counterpart authentication element is a first counterpart authentication element and said kit includes a second strip with a second counterpart authentication element, wherein said first authentication elements is configured to react with said first counterpart authentication element, and said second authentication elements is configured to react with said second counterpart authentication element.

Claim 42 (New): A kit according to Claim 41, wherein said second authentication elements is configured to not react with said first counterpart authentication element.